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ABSTRACT

PROJECT TITLE: Summer (2005-2007) Intensive Advanced Yoruba Course in Nigeria

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: Twelve (12)

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This proposal is to enable the Center for African Studies, University of Florida, Gainesville to initiate an eight-week intensive Yoruba summer course in Nigeria as part of Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad from 2005 to 2007. The objective of the program is to provide an avenue for American students to achieve advanced competence in the study of Yoruba language and culture in an environment where the language is spoken on a daily basis. Applications will be accepted nationally from undergraduate and graduate students who have studied Yoruba language at the college level for a minimum of two academic sessions. Students who are enrolled in their second year of language study will be encouraged to apply. Up to 12 participants will be selected for the program every summer.

The program will be hosted in Nigeria by the Institute of Cultural Studies, Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU) in Ile-Ife, but Yoruba professors and lecturers in the Department of African Languages and Literatures of the University will teach all the courses. The course will emphasize mastery of speaking and comprehension skills at advanced levels, as recommended by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). Students who successfully fulfill all necessary course requirements will have their credits transferred by OAU directly to their individual universities. The program itself will be evaluated by the students, their teachers, and an external evaluator. The yearly program evaluation and the Program Director's report will be forwarded to the Department of Education and the AASP/ALTA (GPA) Oversight Committee.